

Voluntown Tricentennial Committee November 26, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Members present:

Beth Taylor
Cheryl Sadowski
Victoria Schwery
Diana Ingraham
Rachel Ricard

Minutes reviewed from meeting on 10/22/18 – amendments made to the minutes. Motion made by Cheryl to approve the minutes as amended and second by Rachel. Ayes have it.

Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance \$12,030.40. Cheryl turned in \$30.40 which was collected from the farmer's market to the town. A receipt was written. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report.

Audience of Citizens: None

Old Business:

Re-enactment – no update

Woodsman Event – no update

Fundraising – A suggestion was made to hold a dinner in April or May of next year. We can ask the fire department for assistance along with the Boy Scouts to help with setup, cleanup and serving. We could also ask the Baptist Church to use their kitchen/hall as well. Suggestion made to do a take-out only. Would need to ask the fire department officers if we can get their assistance.

Insurance questions need to be answered about what is needed. An email sent to Tracey for clarification.

New Business:

Cheryl and Beth spoke with Tracy and gave a brief rundown on the planned events. Tracy said we should plan other events for fundraisers i.e.: yard sale or pasta dinner.

Diana was at the YSB meeting and mentioned the events. The committee would like to sponsor the kids fishing tournament.

Question about how to market the events and celebration. We could contact Janice Steinhagen to ask for ideas on how to get the word out. Or contact the Norwich Bulletin to see what can be done through them. Ask the bulletin to do a story on the event to help with advertising. We can place posters in the post office, town hall, local stores, banks and so on. Make brochures and place in certain businesses. We could talk to Jack about placement. May be able to hit hotels, rest areas or restaurants.

The Lemic Printing – in Plainfield? \$6 for t-shirts and \$14 for sweatshirts. Vicki will check with the company and see what they can do.

Beth will look into pricing for a banner. She will check with Jack.

The invitation letter written by Rachel to invite the community civic organizations has been revised. This will be reviewed at the January meeting and finalized so we can send the invitees out for the March 25th meeting.

March 25th will be the first night we invite the community to attend and see our ideas. We should write a script for the night.

Vicki to start a power point for the presentation. Contact Tracey how we could project the presentation.

What do we want in the power point.

- Introduction
- Mission
- List of potential ideas
- Looking for your help, your ideas
- Do you know anyone who can donate the following?
 - Make a professional looking brochure
 - Help with Marketing
 - Time and talent
 - Fundraising
 - Communication
 - Grant help
- Meeting dates and times

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 by Cheryl. Second by Rachel. Ayes have it.

The potential list of ideas per month for the celebration year

January – Bonfire – Christmas Tree burn

February – tri centennial king, queen, prince and princess

March – speaker (historical society)

April – 300 volunteers for earth day – kids fishing tournament – YSB would like to do it

May - kick off weekend, band, 300 cupcakes

June – Mini mudder, canoe race

July – field parade – done on the field instead of streets

August – Fireman's muster

Sept – speaker – corn maze Voluntown Day and FD Chicken BBQ

Oct – walking weekend and trunk or treat

Nov – Ecumenical service with all the churches in town.

Dec – Holiday event at Wiley School and caroling (weekend of Cub Scout tree lighting) Possible

Groups to contact

Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts
Cub Scouts
Youth Service Bureau –Mini Mudder?
School
Seniors
Fire Department
Aura Hall
Historical Society
Library
Recreation Commission
Baptist Church
Livingword Fellowship
St. Thomas Church
Voluntown Peace Trust –Jim MacBride
EDC
Sterling –Grange
Bethel Methodist Church

Big Businesses

Town & Country Disc. Oil
Town Pizza
Bronson's
Tamarack
Jewett City Savings Bank
Eastern Savings
Lavendar Hill Farm
Eagle Eye LLC
V-town Packy
Hartikkas
Olsen's Tree Farm

Looking for:

Someone to run the kids fishing tournament